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To the Bourne Urban District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

In accordance with the instructions of the Local Government Board my Report will consist of a brief statement of the events of the year.

Vital Statistics. The number of deaths during the year amongst your inhabitants was 67, one more than last year, but as your population is estimated to have been reduced from 4,340 to 4,105, this gives a Death-rate of 16·3 per thousand as compared with the previous year's rate of 15·2.

A large proportion, 37, were persons over the age of 65 and 8 were infants under one year of age.

Infectious Disease was responsible for 7 deaths :—Whooping Cough 2, Influenza 2, Pulmonary Phthisis 2, and Tuberculous Meningitis 1. Cancer or Malignant Growth caused 6 deaths.

The Infantile Mortality shews considerable decrease, the average per thousand births being only 96·3.

The Birth-rate as the result of 83 births has improved from 15·9 last year to 20·2, but is still very low.

The Compulsory Notification of Births came into force in this District on September 1st, and Miss Pile, Matron of the Butterfield Hospital, was appointed by the County Council who administer the Act, as Health Visitor for your District.

Infectious Diseases. The total number notified was 21 :—Diphtheria 9, Phthisis 5, Scarlet Fever 3, Tubercular Diseases 2, Erysipelas 1, Ophthalmia 1.

Three cases of Diphtheria and two of Scarletina were treated in the Isolation Hospital.

Three cases of Phthisis were sent for treatment in Sanatoria.

One case of Typhoid Fever occurred in the V.A.D. Hospital, the soldier bringing the disease home from Flanders. He was removed by the Military Authorities to Lincoln.

Housing Accommodation. There have been no Cottages erected during the year, although there is still a demand for them, and any cottage vacant is speedily re-let.

Details of Inspection of the District under the regulations of Section 17 of the Housing Act of 1909 are as follows :—

Total number of Houses inspected	43
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Dwelling-houses which on inspection were considered to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	0
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Representations made to the Local Authority with a view to making Closing Orders	...	0
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Closing Orders made 0

Number of Dwelling-houses the defects in which
were remedied without the making of Closing
Orders 3

The principal defects were dilapidation, dampness and deficient Sanitary Accommodation.

Sewage Disposal. During the year several more Privies have been converted into W.C.'s. The Sanitary Beds have worked satisfactorily, but the volume of waste water is greater than ever.

The Weir Dyke has been cleaned from end to end. The amount of deposit in the dyke is largely increased by the slacker at Tongue End, which the occupiers of land there put down, especially in summer time. This should be prevented as far as possible.

Refuse Disposal. The system of House-to-House Collection is working fairly satisfactorily, but there are still in use a considerable number of wooden boxes, &c., without covers, which, in windy weather especially, are a source of nuisance. I would suggest that your Council take action to remedy this.

Slaughter-houses, Bakehouses, Dairies and Cowsheds. These have all been periodically inspected with satisfactory results, but there is still room for improvement in some of the less important ones in the matter of cleanliness, and seven notices were served during the year for lack of whitewashing and other minor defects.

General Nuisances. During the year 118 Nuisances were dealt with. These comprised instances of defective, choked, or untrapped drains ; over-flowing privy vaults ; accu-

mulations of refuse; unclean and verminous houses and filthy pigstys. 53 Statutory Notices were issued and the other cases were all abated after written or personal suggestion by your Inspector.

Two cases of Over-crowding during the year were satisfactorily dealt with.

Pollution of The condition of the Bourne Eau remains as
Watercourses. previously reported.

The Carr Dyke has on several occasions been inspected but there is at present no trace of sewage contamination from the Infectious Hospital.

Workshops and The number on the register remains as last
Workplaces. year, 25.

These have all been periodically inspected and some small defects found :—

Over-crowding 1. Defective Floors 2.
Defective Sanitary Appliances 2.

These defects were all remedied without reference to H. M. Inspector.

The usual Tables are appended and in compiling them due attention has been given to the notes thereon.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Obediently yours,

W. J. GILPIN.